

GERMANY MUST SUE FOR PEACE, SAYS BRITAIN

Can't Dictate Terms as Victor,
Is Lloyd-George's
Reply.

PAISED BY ALL ENGLAND

Answer Shows Unanimity of
Determination Among
Allies.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The allies have not slammed the door on peace; they have simply said to Germany: "Here are our terms; take them or leave them. It is your move—but don't come again in the role of a victor."

This was the universal British view today, when the public had an opportunity to digest the full meaning of Premier Lloyd-George's speech in Commons. The public interpretation was that Lloyd-George had furnished Von Bethmann-Hollweg an opportunity to demonstrate his sincerity. If Germany really desires peace, they argued, she now knows how to go about it.

Incidentally, it was remarked here today how adroitly and strikingly Lloyd-George had destroyed Germany's illusion that England is dominating the policies of the Entente nations. The Premier, it was recalled, had stated at the outset that Russia and France, acting independently and separately, had reached the conclusion to which England was now acceding.

The Daily Mail, under the caption, "Lloyd-George Acts," says today: "What we have had to fear most in the past has been the careless easy-going optimism of the government, and when we see how much good work has been done and how much more has been begun in a few days by the cabinet, which knows its own mind, we feel less than ever inclined to admit that any apologies are due from the Daily Mail."

The Chronicle remarks: "The prime minister's dramatic announcement of the adoption of the principle of universal national service has been welcomed on all sides. A bill will be necessary to give effect to the government's proposals, the object of which is methodical mobilization of labor."

Peace Door Not Closed.

"Lloyd-George's statement and Asquith's endorsement of it do not necessarily mean that the door is banged and bolted," the Daily News declares. "In a matter of this gravity there necessarily must be a diplomatic maneuvering for position. Germany's arrogance is a disguise to cover the momentous fact that she has asked the allies to enter into negotiations, the flat refusal is not meant to indicate that we do not want peace, but that Germany must ask for it, not in the role of a victor, but of the vanquished."

The Times says: "Lloyd-George ex-

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LITTLE ACTION ON WEST

Berlin Reports Failure of Russian
Attacks on Bialystok.

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Dec. 20.—Strong artillery fire and patrol activities at isolated points on the Somme, the Aisne, the east Meuse, and Champagne sectors were reported in today's official statement. Failure of several attacks by Russian battalions on the east bank of the Bialystok river was reported by the war office. Artillery fire at some places on the Macedonian frontier increased.

GERMANS HELD ON DANUBE

Russo-Romanians Repulse Attacks
in Paria Region.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 20.—Repulse of enemy attacks by Russo-Romanian troops on the left bank of the Danube in the region of Paria are reported in today's official statement. Flank fighting was more intense than usual on the Dobruja front the statement said. "On the Macedonian front there was intense fighting in the region of the villages of Caran, Centrak, and Umachea," the statement read. "The enemy was driven back after a half hour bombardment and heavy artillery attack southwest of Brody. Repeated attempts of the enemy to advance were unsuccessful."

BLIND MAN ORDAINED

Minister Intends to Devote Life to
Missions in India.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Ernest Paxton Janvier, son of the Rev. Dr. C. A. B. Janvier, former pastor of the Holland Memorial Presbyterian Church, was ordained a minister last night in his father's old church. Mr. Janvier has been almost blind since his early childhood in India, where his father was for many years and is now a missionary. Undeterred by his blindness, the young minister won high honors at Princeton and later at Princeton Theological Seminary. He intends making Indian missions his life work. The ordination service was presided over by the Rev. Dr. W. Courland Robinson, moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. The Rev. Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, president of the Princeton Seminary, preached the ordination sermon.

FIGS. CHEAP BECAUSE OF EUROPEAN WAR

Experts Say U. S. Is Only
Market for Portuguese
Product.

Here's a new one. Because of the war—figs are cheap! Statistics gathered by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce show that shipments of Portuguese dried figs to the United States this year aggregated well over 10,000,000 pounds, or nearly five times as much as in the previous years, and more than five times as much as in 1914. Strange as it may seem, Portuguese figs are one article of food made plentiful, and consequently at least as cheap as ever, by the war, that omelette is blameworthy for raising prices in most everything else we eat, wear, or use.

It comes about in this way, experts on the fig market say: The United States is about the only market still open to these figs, the greater part of which were shipped in former years to Germany and Russia. Recently a big ship brought an entire cargo from Faro, of nothing but these figs, 2,500 tons of them, or 50,000 pounds.

TO VOTE AGAIN ON REFERENDUM

Second Ballot Expected To Be
Taken in Senate Late
Today.

Another vote on the referendum to the District prohibition bill will be demanded by Senator Underwood. This vote will be taken in the Senate late today it is expected.

The referendum amendment was defeated in Committee of the Whole of the Senate by a tie vote of 38 to 38 late yesterday. Senator Sheppard was unable last night to push the dry bill to a final vote, but hopes to do so today. If the opponents of the bill, who are supporting the referendum, see they have a chance to gain by delay, however, they may filibuster against a vote.

Senate Evenly Divided. It has all along been realized the Senate was almost evenly divided on the referendum. When the vote was taken last evening, Vice President Marshall was absent, leaving left the city for the holidays.

In the vote of Committee of the Whole on the referendum, Senators who have for years fought for the initiative and referendum lined up against the referendum in the District. The exception was Senator La Follette of Wisconsin. Senators who ordinarily are for the referendum, took the position that such an election here would be a farce, and the door would be opened wide to fraud. Neither side is certain what the outcome will be on the Underwood amendment when the test is had in the Senate proper. Absence of a Senator may shift the vote either way.

Call For Absentees.

Frantic calls for the absentees to return and help in the battle went out from the opposing sides today.

The situation, it is realized, is so doubtful that the presence or absence of a single Senator might decide. Senator Luke Lea of Tennessee returned. He is against the referendum for the dry cause. He was not present yesterday, but was paired against the referendum. His presence, therefore, will make no difference unless he transfers his pair. Senator Lodge was not present yesterday afternoon, but he was paired for the referendum. He was on hand today. The referendum advocates are trying to corral his vote.

MERCURY TOUCHES 16

Lowest Point Reached at 9
O'Clock Last Night.

The lowest point registered by the thermometer during yesterday's and today's cold period was at 9 o'clock last night, when the mercury stood 16 above at the Weather Bureau. It grew warmer during the night, being 18 at midnight, 19 at 1 o'clock, 20 at 4 o'clock, 21 at 8 o'clock, and toward noon today a reading of 27 above was recorded. Officials at the Weather Bureau declared that Washington is experiencing in a slight degree the cold weather felt through the Northwest a few days ago.

WILL INCREASE BONUS.

Du Pont Powder Company to Add
10 Per Cent Jan. 1.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 20.—The Du Pont Powder Company today announced that the 20 per cent salary bonus which it has been paying for the past year to salaried employees will be increased January 1 to 30 per cent. It was recently announced that the 20 per cent bonus being paid to payroll employees in the plants would be made a part of the regular pay for 1917.

BUFFALO BILL BETTER.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 20.—Col. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) is convalescing today from a short but severe illness, following his return from a trip to Wyoming. The colonel's general condition is much better today, although he is not yet entirely out of danger, according to Dr. ———, his physician.

PEPCO EXPERT CHANGES MIND

Engineer Tells Utilities Board
He Left Franchise Out of
Chicago Valuation.

BUT SEES ITS WORTH HERE

Put Through Grilling Examination
by Commissioner Kutz
and Counsel Syme.

Unusual statements regarding the value of a franchise such as that enjoyed by the Potomac Electric Power Company of Washington were made by Consulting Engineer Ray Palmer, of New York, during the grilling cross-examination to which he was subjected by Commissioner Kutz and Corporation Counsel Conrad Syme before the Public Utilities Commission late yesterday afternoon. As commissioner of the city department of gas and electricity in Chicago in 1913, Mr. Palmer had some rather caustic things to say about the Commonwealth Edison Company, of that city, during the course of its valuation proceedings.

Rate Fixed on Report.

Mr. Palmer failed to see how franchises that cost them nothing should be included in the valuation figures of the company. He made a very clear statement in his recommendation to the utilities commission of Chicago and on his report the rate for the city was fixed. He admitted this when questioned by Mr. Syme. In his direct examination yesterday Mr. Palmer stated that he thought the \$2,500,000 which Consulting Engineer Albert had placed as the value of the franchises of the Potomac Power Company should remain a part of the value of the plant.

Should Get Return.

"And the company should be allowed to earn a fair return on that amount," inquired Commissioner Kutz. "Yes, sir," responded the witness. "Mr. Palmer do you know of anything peculiar about the securing of rights such as these in this city that are different from the rights of the Commonwealth Edison Company in Chicago?" the Commissioner asked. "I don't know that I do," the witness replied. "Then, Mr. Palmer, how can you reconcile your statement today with your report in 1913?" the Commissioner persisted.

Difference in Question.

The witness said he thought there was a difference in the question as to the rights in this city. He said he had been asked with regard to property rights, and that he thought property rights—the rights that were enjoyed as property by the company—should be included.

MEDALS PRIVATELY COINED

Less Than 200 Lusitania Insignia
Had Been Sold.

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Dec. 20.—The so-called "Lusitania medal" which London reports have indicated was extensively circulated in Germany, was privately executed and hardly a hundred people in Germany know of it, the press bureau asserted today. The medal was coined in a private house in Munich, and its makers report that up to December 1 only 180 medals had been sold, and of this number seventy-five went to foreign countries. The statement was evoked by London reports claiming that coining of such a medal was "characteristic of the German nation."

WILSON VISITS SENATOR

Walks to Home of John Sharp
Williams for Conference.

President Wilson surprised every one today when he suddenly left the White House and went to the Sixth street home of Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, shortly after 9 o'clock. White House attaches were as much surprised at the unusual procedure as every one else. Later it was learned Senator Williams has been ill. The President wished to consult him on certain matters and took that democratic way of doing it.

SCHOONER BELIEVED LOST

Wreckage and Bodies Washed
Ashore at Halifax.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Dec. 20.—Captain Patterson and his crew of six men of the American schooner William Mason are believed to have perished in the storm which swept the Atlantic coast last week. Two bodies, together with cabin wreckage, presumably from the schooner, have been washed ashore here. The bodies are believed to be those of Benjamin G. Matthews, of Missouri, and James C. Apt. of Bear River, Nova Scotia. The William Mason was a three-masted schooner, displacing 465 tons. She was built at Wilmington, Del., in 1872. She was bound from Perth Amboy, N. J., to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, having left Perth Amboy December 6.

GEORGIA LOSES HOBSON.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Georgia, Spanish war naval hero and a leading temperance advocate, will become a resident of Illinois. He has leased a residence in Evanston and will go to live there shortly after the first of the year.

HAVE YOU AIDED THOSE IN NEED?

If You Haven't, Mr. Big Brother,
Here Are Some Queries
For YOU.

COME, BE A GOOD FELLOW

Then You'll Enjoy Christmas
Fully, and You'll Have
a Right To.

HAVE YOU, Mr. Big Brother, ever sat in front of a little kitchen stove, the only source of heat in a tumble-down wilderness shack, and tried to drive away the racking chill that comes of low vitality—the gaunt brother of hunger?

HAVE YOU? Have YOU ever tried to sleep at night, beneath coverings that failed to keep off the cold that penetrates to your very bones?

If you have, you are one of those who are digging deeply into their store of savings for the benefit of their unfortunate brothers. You are one of those humans whose Christmas will be gladdened by the joy of an opportunity grasped—by the wholesome feeling of having helped a fellow mortal.

And if you have not, it is all the more a duty, and a golden opportunity for YOU to give of your store to help along some one whose sufferings you cannot even imagine. What are your babies going to have for Christmas? Stockings filled to the brim with sweets and toys—a piping hot Christmas turkey, a nice, warm home, where they may rest and gurgie and kick their heels on the soft carpets.

Have YOU Done Your Share? Can you see her efforts to smile as she tries to feed her family?

Can you see a circle of wide eyes, watching eagerly for their share of life-giving food—not turkey or cranberries, or pumpkin pie—corn meal mush, perhaps, or a barren looking soup bowl?

How about it, Mr. Big Brother? Have you donated your share of the obligation of every able-bodied, solvent citizen to the Associated Charities? There are things golden opportunities left to help make Christmas a little more bearable make for some District poor.

List of Opportunities.

Here are the fourteen opportunities for people of Washington to relieve some suffering families and to help provide a happier Christmas for some of the city's unfortunate ones. Needs \$12 Weekly.

1.—A widow needs \$12 a week to keep a home for two boys and two girls. When she was bereaved the boys were sent to an orphan asylum. Separation was proving disastrous. With help they can be kept home. Previously acknowledged: \$42.50 Mrs. H. G. 10.00 A. J. L. 2.00 J. D. 2.00 Well Winner 1.00 Y. O. C. 1.00 Mac 1.00 A. O. R. 1.00 Julius A. Peyer 14.00 (Continued on Page Fifteen.)

U. S. EXPENDITURES SOAR

Average \$20,000,000 a Month More
Than Last Year.

For the first five months of the current fiscal year, authorization for the expenditures of money from the United States Treasury, have exceeded, on an average, more than \$20,000,000 a month those of the corresponding months of last year, according to the financial statement issued today. This is exclusive of the allotment for the Panama canal, which exceeds that of last year, to date, by nearly a million dollars. Already in the present fiscal year, payments have been drawn for \$424,027,093.24, against \$321,823,559.01.

WILL REMEMBER POOR

Wilson Normal School Members to
Distribute Gifts.

The Christmas entertainment at the Wilson Normal School tonight will not be all jollity, without a thought of the needy who have not as many causes to make merry as the more fortunate. Before the fun of the evening donations of food and clothing to be distributed for Christmas are to be collected. A Christmas tree, with Santa Claus to distribute the gifts that members of the school are to hang on the tree for their schoolmates, will form part of the entertainment. A novelty in work to be taken up at the school after the holidays is the course of ukelele instruction.

LONDON MARKET STRONG

Traders Reflect Confidence in
Action of Government.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The stock market opened today with a general strong tendency, following Lloyd-George's speech before Parliament, reflecting confidence of traders in the action of the British government. While the general tone of stocks is good, the approach of the holidays tends to restrict trading.

RECORD SALE OF TOYS HERE

Unprecedented Demand for
Dolls and Sleds At Its
Height in Capital.

STORES MEET SITUATION

Story of How They Worked to
Prevent a Shortage Like
Dramatic Fiction.

The most unprecedented demand for toys in the history of commercial Washington is at its height today. Heads of the toy departments of the leading stores of this city tell practically the same story of an increased demand far over the proportionate increase which is expected every year. Three days only, were required to sell sleds in one department store which in other seasons records three weeks as the time for the distribution of the same amount of sleds.

Not Out of Toys.

Washington merchants are not out of popular-priced sleds, however. Neither are they out of dolls. The story of the efforts of the different department stores to prevent a shortage reads like a piece of dramatic fiction. The manager of the toy department of Woodward & Lothrop's, G. Louis, is one of the busiest men in that whole department store today. Although all of the departments in this store are what might be called crowded, his department is jammed, but Mr. Louis is not worried.

Began Year Ago.

"On the 26th of December, 1915," he said, "working in accordance with my own idea of what was to be, I began to make arrangements for the purchase of consignments of foreign and American-made toys. I then and there began a system of pleading and talking which has been kept up insistently throughout the year. During the last few months, I have not only made personal visits to the toy manufacturers, but have almost got down to packing the toys with my own hand. Every available space I could acquire has been utilized as toy warehouses."

Will Sell About All.

"Two months ago, if you could have seen one of these rooms packed solid from top to bottom with toys, you would not have believed that they could have been sold before Christmas, but figures show me that I am going to close up about even. The most unusual feature of this present year's sales, due entirely to weather conditions, was our sales of sleds. We sold 3,000 sleds in three days. It took three weeks last year to sell the same number."

Some of the other department stores have almost run out of sleds, and in order to have a popular priced article, have been forced to reduce the price of sleds for which they paid good round sums.

Real Bargain Too.

A bargain in a sled at this time in any Washington store is a real, sure-enough bargain with no strings to it. S. Kann, Sons & Co. will have exactly 11,962 new sleds tonight. J. MacFarquhar, manager of the toy department of this store, told of the abatement of the sled market.

Canal Zone Governor Comes to Ask Congress for \$17,000,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Col. Chester Harding, Governor of the Canal Zone, with his wife and daughter arrived here on the United Fruit liner Metropolitan. Colonel Harding came north with a double purpose, to spend the holidays and to appear before the Appropriation Committee at Washington to ask for \$17,000,000 for maintenance and construction work on the canal. The army of 23,000 laborers will be employed on the canal for several years to come.

Colonel Harding said that at present there is thirty-five feet of water in the Canal Zone, and dredges are still at work. The engineers believe the side pressures resulting in slides have been overcome. In the remainder of the canal the depth of water is forty feet. Colonel Harding declared that in peace time the canal will be a decided paying proposition for the United States. Even during the war the tolls last month, \$450,000, amount to more than the cost of operation of the canal.

JAILS WANT PRISONERS

Prosperity Ruining Business, and
Some May Lose Jobs.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Prosperity is emptying the jails around Boston. The House of Correction at Deer Island is just crazy to get prisoners. Officials of the various corrective institutions in the Hub may soon be bidding for prisoners to go to their respective places. Perhaps they'll issue circulars telling the good people of their establishments as the summer boarding houses in Maine and New Hampshire do. At a dinner in the City Club, Chief Justice Bolster, of the Municipal Court, said an officer of the Deer Island House of Correction recently called on him and declared that if more prisoners were not sent to his institution some of the 100 employees would probably lose their jobs. He explained that there are only 400 prisoners there now, about half the usual number at this season. The officer further stated the island institution could comfortably accommodate 1,300 prisoners and he hoped the judge would give it the preference in convictions.

CLERKS MEET TO URGE BIGGER RAISE

Not Satisfied With Increase
Voted by House, Will
Gather Tonight.

Not satisfied with the bill passed in the House yesterday, giving Government employees a 5 and 10 per cent pro rata increase, the clerks have called a mass meeting for tonight in an effort to have the Senate provide a 10 and 20 per cent increase. The meeting will be held in National Rifles Armory at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Federal Employees' Union. A general invitation has been issued to employees of the Federal and District Governments, and it is expected that 2,000 will be present. Among the speakers will be Senator George F. Chamberlain, Senator John K. Shields, Congressman Joseph Taggart, Charles C. Van Dyke, John R. Nolan, and Richard W. Austin; Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, and Thomas H. Flaherty, secretary of the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks. H. M. McLaren, head of the Federal Employees' Union, declared today that all the speakers listed to appear tonight are earnest advocates of the 10 and 20 per cent increase plan.

STATION IS JAMMED BY HOLIDAY CROWDS

Exodus for Christmas Already
Begun, and Terminal Work-
ers Are Rushed.

Hundreds of persons, going home for the holidays, are thronging Union Station and taxing the employees there almost to their limit.

Already the outgoing crowds have about doubled the normal rate of travel. Students, released for Christmas vacation; men and women, who make an annual pilgrimage home at this time, are pouring through the gates. The incoming crowds are not as large by a considerable number as those departing. Washington, being essentially a city of non-residents, loses far more persons during holiday times than are gained. The real rush of this season is expected to begin about Saturday and continue over Sunday.

A large number of artisans will leave for their homes in other cities within the next few days. The unusual business prosperity is said to be responsible.

WETS WIN IN BOSTON

Drys, However, Carry Two Smaller
Cities of State.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Despite all efforts to oust him, John Barleycorn will continue his residence in Boston. With Billy Sunday on the job and in spite of one of the bitterest fights by the "drys" Boston voted for license by the biggest majority since 1910. Overnight figures show a "wet" majority of 23,051.

Sunday today declared he did not regard the fight as lost yet. To his audience last night at the tabernacle, he said: "I'm a good loser. I learned that lesson on the baseball field. Don't think I'm blue at the outcome of the election. We'll soon have that bunch where they won't be able to wiggle their carcasses."

FIGHT COAL RATE INCREASE

Board of Trade Will Ask I. C. C.
to Act.

Vigorous objection to the proposed increase of 24 cents a ton on coal for the New River, West Virginia, mines to Washington will be lodged with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the committee on transportation of the Board of Trade. The committee met at noon today and reviewed the application of the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Washington Southern railroads for an increased tariff effective January 1. The tariff does away with the old through rate on coal, and divides the rate as it applies to the various points. The new tariff gives a rate of \$1.25 a ton on coal from point of origin to Potomac yards, and 64 cents a ton from the yards to Washington. The through rate heretofore has been \$1.85, distributed to the C. & O. in the sum of \$1.10 and to the Washington Southern, 55 cents. The Interstate Commerce Commission will be asked by the Washington Board of Trade to suspend the proposed rates until hearings are held and the objection of the Washington merchants is heard.

PUTS EMBARGO ON FREIGHT

B. and O. Bans Certain Shipments
To Prevent Congestion.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company placed an embargo last night against all westbound carload freight from connections west of Cumberland, Md., except perishables, live stock and foodstuffs for human consumption. The embargo was made necessary on account of the accumulation of shipments, and to prevent serious congestions at terminal points.

WATERWORKS DAMAGED.

CUMBERLAND, Dec. 20.—Cumberland was left practically without fire protection today when a fire seriously damaged the city waterworks, with a loss estimated at \$50,000.

D. C. HEADS TO GET NO RAISE, BUT CLERKS DO

House Knocks Out Some of the
Recommendations for Dis-
trict Increases.

\$1,800 MEN WILL BENEFIT

All Getting That Much or Less
Practically Assured of
Bigger Wages.

Although it is practically assured that District employees receiving less than \$1,800 a year will be voted a general salary increase, the House today overturned some of the legislative recommendations presented by the Appropriations Committee in the District appropriation bill. At the very outset of the debate a point of order was sustained against the \$1,000 increase in the salary of the three Commissioners.

Points of Order.

In quick succession, points of order were also upheld against legislative riders for the creation of a license bureau and changing existing law relating to the tax assessor's office. Congressman Cox of Indiana made the point of order against the Commissioner's salaries, and Mr. Mann knocked out the two legislative riders. Following out his policies of raising points of order against all legislative riders in the bill, Mr. Mann eliminated a provision requiring a statement of "true consideration" in all deeds filed in the District of Columbia.

Knocks Out Another Plan.

Mr. Mann also knocked out the legislative provision that hereafter rejection by the Senate of the nomination of any member of the Excise Board shall automatically terminate his employment. The legislation affecting the Tax Assessor's Office was particularly desired by the District Commissioners. In brief, that the Commissioners shall have all powers of removal of the Assessor and his assistants, that hereafter records and accounts relating to the collection of taxes shall be made out in the Tax Collector's office instead of the Tax Assessor's office, and that a special license bureau, rather than the Assessor, shall have jurisdiction over all District licenses.

All Eliminated.

All of this legislation was eliminated, and the only hope now is that it will be referred by the Senate and retained in conference. Without a rule to make the legislation in order, it seems likely that all legislative riders in the bill would be killed by points of order.

Point of Order.

As soon as the reading of the District bill was begun a point of order was made against the proposition to increase the salaries of the Commissioners from \$5,000 to \$6,000. Congressman Cox of Indiana, a Democrat, made the point of order and declined to withdraw it following an animated debate as to the worth of the services rendered by the Commissioners. When the point of order was sustained, Congressman Page, in charge of the bill, offered an amendment restoring the lower salary as provided by existing law.

It is possible, however, that the Senate will grant the \$6,000 salary and it will be accepted in conference by the House conferees. This is quite likely as most of the members of the Appropriations Committee think the Commissioners' salaries ought to be raised.

Criticism By Mann.

Congressman Mann, the minority leader, was one of those who criticized the Commissioners' estimates for higher salaries for themselves. He also indicated a belief that the Commissioners do not "stap on the job as they should." "Did the Commissioners ask for this raise?" asked Mr. Mann. "The estimates carried a recommendation for an increase to \$7,500," replied Mr. Page. "Then the Commissioners asked for a 50 per cent raise for themselves," said Mr. Mann. "Did they ask that much for anybody else?" "They asked for numerous increases in the bill," said Mr. Page. "They did not ask for a 50 per cent increase on the whole of course not."